

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Holds an Important Convention at Louisa.

Sixteenth District Churches, Board of Missions and Bible School Represented by Delegates.

The Sixteenth District convention of Christian churches, Bible School and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions began at the Christian church in Louisa on Friday evening, May 31, and continued until Sunday evening, June 2. The house was filled with people at the first session, when an able address was delivered by Sec. H. W. Elliott, of Sulphur, Ky. Following Mr. Elliott the well known R. B. Neal, of Grayson, made a delightful talk, at the close of which he availed himself of the opportunity to introduce his "F. E. B's." Miss Mary Gardner, of Salyersville, a young lady of much talent and thorough training, was persuaded to recite and was called back by the continuous applause of the entire audience.

The Saturday morning program as carried out was up to the high standard of that of Friday evening. Mr. W. J. Clarke, specialist in the line of the Adult Bible Class, is a man of unusual charm and ability. His addresses were well received by all who heard him. Mr. Frazee, State Superintendent of Bible Schools, by his pleasing personality his thorough training and his wide experience, is peculiarly adapted to his work. He made many friends while in Louisa. Hon. H. Clay Brown, of Olive Hill, President of the Bible School association of the district, made a most interesting address on Saturday morning.

At the afternoon meeting talks were given by Messrs. McMurray and Reeves, ministers of the churches at Olive Hill and Ashland, respectively. Mr. McMurray spoke of "How the Bible School Helps the church," after which Mr. Reeves described "A Model Bible School Building."

After the Bible School on Sunday morning, much of the time of which was used for the work of the convention, the day was turned over to the C. W. B. M., of which Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Superintendent of Schools of Rowan county, is district president. Mrs. Stewart is in her element as presiding officer at such a meeting. The absence of Mrs. Yancey and others who were to appear on the program of the morning was regretted, but the presence of Mr. Edgar C. Riley, Supt., of Schools of Boone county, Ky., who spoke from the subject: "Christianity a system of Education," made this one of the very best sessions of the entire convention.

Through the courtesy of officers and trustees the Saturday night session of Bible-School Convention of the Disciples of Christ was held in the new and handsome Baptist Church. The building, auditorium, gallery and Sunday school room, was crowded, and the large audience seemed greatly pleased with the interesting and instructive programme. The introductory services consisted of solo and chorus singing, prayer and the reading of scripture appropriate to the address delivered by Dr. R. H. Crossfield, President of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. Dr. Crossfield's theme was "The Crisis Among the Disciples," and his address was a masterpiece of argument, logic and oratory. The doctor has a fine platform presence, a splendid, far-reaching voice, and a most agreeable manner. Add to these desirable qualities a liberal education derived from books and schools and supplemented by a fund of information derived from extensive travel at home and abroad, with eyes and ears wide open, and you have the central figure in the exercises of Saturday night.

Dr. Crossman believes that a crisis has arrived among the disciples of Christ, of whatever name or creed, and before he was through his discourse every thoughtful listener in the large and attentive as-

ssembled in his presence agreed with him. He presented three hypotheses for their consideration. First, briefly: For the relief of the sick and the injured it is absolutely necessary that there must be an adequate supply of physicians and surgeons. If this supply was not only not maintained but was constantly diminished, what, the doctor asked, would be the effect upon humanity?

Secondly: What would be the inevitable result of a sufficient number of school teachers was not provided and kept up? But this contingency need not be feared or discussed. The existing ratio of teachers to schools, in some sections at least, is about five to one.

The third supposition related to the supply of preachers, and the amazing facts and figures hurled in volleys at his hearers during the discussion of this point certainly set them to thinking. Dr. Crossfield showed by his facts and figures that the number of preachers in everyone of the evangelical churches in the United States is decreasing, and at such a rate that the result is inevitable unless the pendulum swings the other way. This is, indeed, The Crisis Among the Disciples. The speaker plead for more preachers, for better preachers and for better paid preachers. There will be more preachers when we fall into the custom of the good old Scotch who plan to set apart at least one boy in every family for the ministry. And when he is chosen they educate him.

Dr. Crossfield was optimistic, believing that the Crisis would in time be successfully met and the world be won for Christ.

On Sunday afternoon the Christian Church was filled to repletion with delegates and citizens. The exercises on this occasion were of a most interesting character. The program was in charge of the C. W. B. M. under the direction of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, who with a very pleasing and agreeable personality and knowledge of parliamentary procedure, makes a model presiding officer. At this meeting Elder Geo. M. Farley, pastor of the Morehead Christian Church, spoke well on "Woman and the Church." He was followed by Mr. J. A. Robinson, principal of the Morehead Normal School, who told of his visit to

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BATTLE AT JENKINS.

Officers Have Fatal Clash With Illicit Liquor Dealers.

Whitesburg, Ky., June 3.—Two were killed and three severely wounded when a posse of officers made a raid upon a "blind tiger" near the town of Jenkins. Deputy Sheriff John Pollock, Squire Potter, Patrolmen Ashe and Anderson and United States Marshals J. W. and J. H. Adlington made the raid.

A lookout must have given the proprietors information of the coming of the officers, the authorities here declare, as the men in the "blind tiger," heavily armed, awaited the arrival of the attacking party. When the officers demanded that they surrender a volley was the answer. Officer Pollock fell wounded by three bullets.

For several minutes both sides were under fire. Two Italians were killed instantly, while two others were wounded severely. There were eight in the house and, after battling for several minutes with the officers, the survivors surrendered and were brought overland under a heavy guard to Whitesburg.

Hospital Notes.

James Curry, married, a miner at Torchlight, is in the hospital suffering from a compound fracture of both bones of his left leg. He was handling a machine in the mine, when the "jack" slipped and caused the serious accident. Dr. Marcum, the mine physician, had him placed on a train and brought him to Louisa. The accident occurred on Tuesday.

A. J. Barnett, of Flat Gap, is also in the hospital. He is being treated for a broken right thigh, caused by a log rolling over him while he was at work on Muddy branch.